



War in the Pacific National Historical Park

Historic places have powerful and provocative stories to tell. As witnesses to the past, they recall the events that shaped history and the people who faced those situations and issues. Pacific Historic Parks established the Education on Wheels program to bring students to the War in the Pacific National Historical Park to develop an empathetic understanding of what happened here and why.

Each year, Pacific Historic Parks allocates a set amount of grant money for the Education on Wheels program. The grant pays for busing to and from the school, the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center, and a park unit. The grant will be available to all schools until funds for the fiscal year run out. Coordinators/Teachers of any grade and subject may reapply for the grant each year. To encourage as many schools as possible to take advantage of this opportunity, grants are limited to one per class per year.

How can I apply for the Education on Wheels grant?

A) Organize Your Visit

- ❑ It is recommended that teachers plan at least one month in advance in order to reserve their desired date of the field trip.
- ❑ Contact Jaclyn Zapanta Balajadia, the Education Specialist, at jzapanta@pacifichistoricparks.org to receive a free copy of the Pacific Historic Parks Educators Kit, including:
 - A CD containing sample interactive activities and lesson plans made by the Pacific Historic Parks Lead Teacher Team
 - A copy of the War in the Pacific National Historical Park's Pre-Site Discovery booklet *Chew on This!* for grades 4-8
 - A take home copy of the award winning film, *Liberating Guam: The U.S. Comes Back*
- ❑ The Education on Wheels grant is designed to inspire teacher input and curriculum dialogue about the War in the Pacific National Historical Park. Coordinators/Teachers must create a lesson plan that directly relates to the park. The Education on Wheels Teacher Lesson Plan Templates and samples can be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/wapa/>.
- ❑ It is recommended that the Coordinator/Teacher also visit the park prior to the fieldtrip. Information about War in the Pacific National Historical Park can be found in park brochures, exhibits at the Visitor Center, natural and historical areas at the park, and <http://www.nps.gov/wapa/>.
- ❑ The bus provided by the Education on Wheels grant will be available for up to 3 hours. Each bus can hold up to 50 people (both teachers and students).

B) Fill out the Education on Wheels Application Form

- ❑ Proposed field trip dates must be at least two weeks from the date that both the Education on Wheels Application and lesson plan are SUBMITTED to the Education Specialist.
- ❑ After review and approval of the lesson plan, the Education Specialist will call and email the Coordinator/Teacher to confirm the details (dates, time, and places) of the fieldtrip.
- ❑ The T. Stell Newman Visitor Center can accommodate up to 50 individuals at one time. Field trips with large groups may need more than one bus and the Education Specialist can assist in creating a schedule in which buses will rotate between the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center and an outdoor park site.

- ❑ Coordinators/Teachers must provide enough chaperones on the fieldtrip. To ensure an effective and enjoyable program, teachers are asked to play an active role in monitoring student behavior throughout the fieldtrip.
- ❑ Please ensure that all students complete their Liability Forms before the fieldtrip. Teachers must submit the completed liability forms before the day of the field trip.

C) Would you like a Park Ranger to Visit Your Classroom?

- ❑ A War in the Pacific National Historical park ranger and the Education Specialist look forward to visiting your classroom and talking with students about the mission and purpose of the National Park Service.
- ❑ It is highly recommended for a Park Ranger to visit your classroom prior to your field trip. There are many benefits to scheduling a park ranger visit to your school. Students will be able to:
 - Go on a virtual tour of the War in the Pacific National Historical Park sites
 - Touch & wear items from the National Park Service's World War II Traveling Trunk
 - Ask questions about the National Park Service and becoming a ranger
 - Learn about educational opportunities at the park, such as becoming a Reef Ranger during summer vacation or a Junior Ranger during Spring Break
- ❑ Please contact the Education Specialist to schedule a time and date for a classroom visit.

D) Experience the War in the Pacific National Historical Park

- ❑ The Education Specialist will contact the Coordinator/Teacher to reconfirm the fieldtrip dates and times. Requests to change the fieldtrip schedule can be made no later than FIVE business days before the fieldtrip.
- ❑ Students are encouraged to bring money if they would like to purchase items in the bookstore. Pacific Historic Parks operates a bookstore with an impressive collection of souvenirs, and educational publications on the Pacific War, Guam history, and the natural and cultural resources of this region.

E) Post-Site Feedback Forms

- ❑ After the fieldtrip, teachers and students must fill out a form that evaluates their learning experience.
- ❑ Within two weeks after the fieldtrip, representatives from the Pacific Historic Parks will visit the school to collect the post-site feedback teacher and student forms.
- ❑ The post-site feedback forms are used by the Pacific Historic Parks for documentation and as a qualitative measurement of the effectiveness of the Education on Wheels program and evidence for the continuation of the grant monies.

T. Stell Newman Visitor Center Information

Located at the former Army Reserve Center, near the Naval Station Guam front gate
 Open 9AM-4:30 PM Mon-Sun, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Years Day
 Information Desk can be contacted at (671) 333-4050

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